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LATEST PICTURES FROM THE SOLOMONS.

American troop transports and other craft approach Guadalcanal in the Solomons for the initial landing on the strategic Pacific Island. The right kind of bad weather. Overcast skies concealing the convoy from enemy air observation. MacArthur's invasion fleet swoops down. Fighters and Fortresses give constant air protection, as U.S. Marines leave the big transport ships in landing craft. A heavy concentration of America's fighting "leathernecks" crowding the sea for the assault on the Jap-held South Sea Isles. Naval gunfire opens the way for the first offensive drive.

Jap Naval and air bases are heavily bombarded before the landings are made.

Through the surf go the Marines. Little resistance is offered as ~~thin~~ the Japs have retreated into the tropical bush. Captured positions are immediately fortified. Pressing into the interior, they find hastily abandoned enemy camps. Back of these the Japs are in hiding.

American planes now move in to occupy a Jap Air Base. The lightning thrust caught the Japanese on one foot and it was some time before they recovered.